

**Abstract**

- 5 Cationic polymers comprising cyclic nonaromatic units which contain an amidinium group, with the cyclic nonaromatic units which contain an amidinium group being located (i) in the main chain of the polymer or (ii) in the side chains of the polymer, where in this case the polymer is neither a vinyl polymer, a polyglycoside or a polyorganosiloxane, or (iii) both in the main chain and in the side chains, and their preparation and use are described.